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	<u>Active immunisation</u>	<u>Passive immunisation</u>
Speed of response	Delayed	Prompt
Length of response	Long-term	Short-term
Clinical use	Long-term prophylaxis	Treatment, short-term prophylaxis

Passive immunization

- Substitution of missing specific antibodies protecting against infectious disease or treating the infectious disease.
- Used mainly in infectious diseases or diseases caused by toxins.
- Prompt but short-term effect.
- No immunological memory is induced.

Antisera used in human medicine

- Against bacterial infections: Tetanus (human), Diphtheria (equine), Botulism (equine)
- Against viral infections: Hepatitis B (human), Rabies (equine), Varicella-zoster (human), CMV (human), tick-borne encephalitis (human), hepatitis A, measles and other viral infections (pooled human immunoglobulin)
- Against snake or black widow spider toxins
- Anti Rh

Non-specific immunoglobulin derivatives

- Obtained from donors' plasma by ethanol extraction.
- Contains almost exclusively IgG, other isotypes are present only in traces.
- Currently only derivatives for intravenous or subcutaneous application are used.

Therapeutic use of immunoglobulin derivatives - I

- Replacement treatment in patients with hypogammaglobulinemia .
- It is only IgG substitution, other isotypes are not present.
- In patients with primary hypogammaglobulinemia it is usually a life-long treatment.

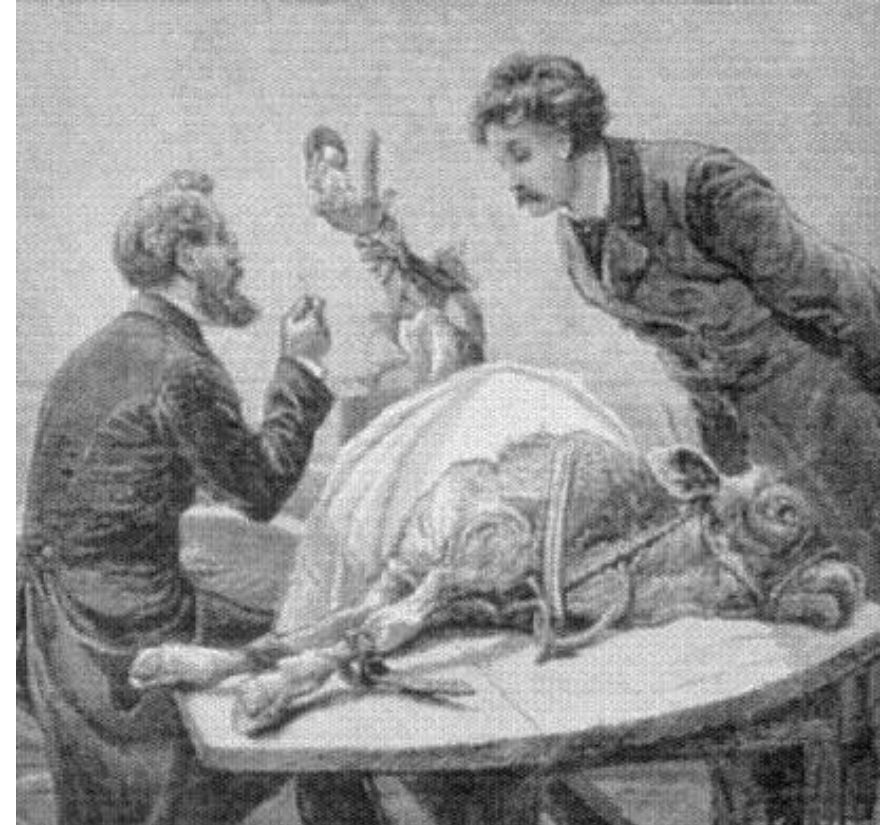
Therapeutic use of immunoglobulin derivatives - II

- High-dose intravenous immunoglobulin treatment can be used in severe inflammatory or autoimmune diseases.
- The mechanism is complex (inhibition of phagocytosis, suppression of B-cells function, effect on T-cell functions) .
- The efficacy is variable and in situation difficult to predict.
- Most effective in Kawasaki disease and immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

Active immunization (vaccination)

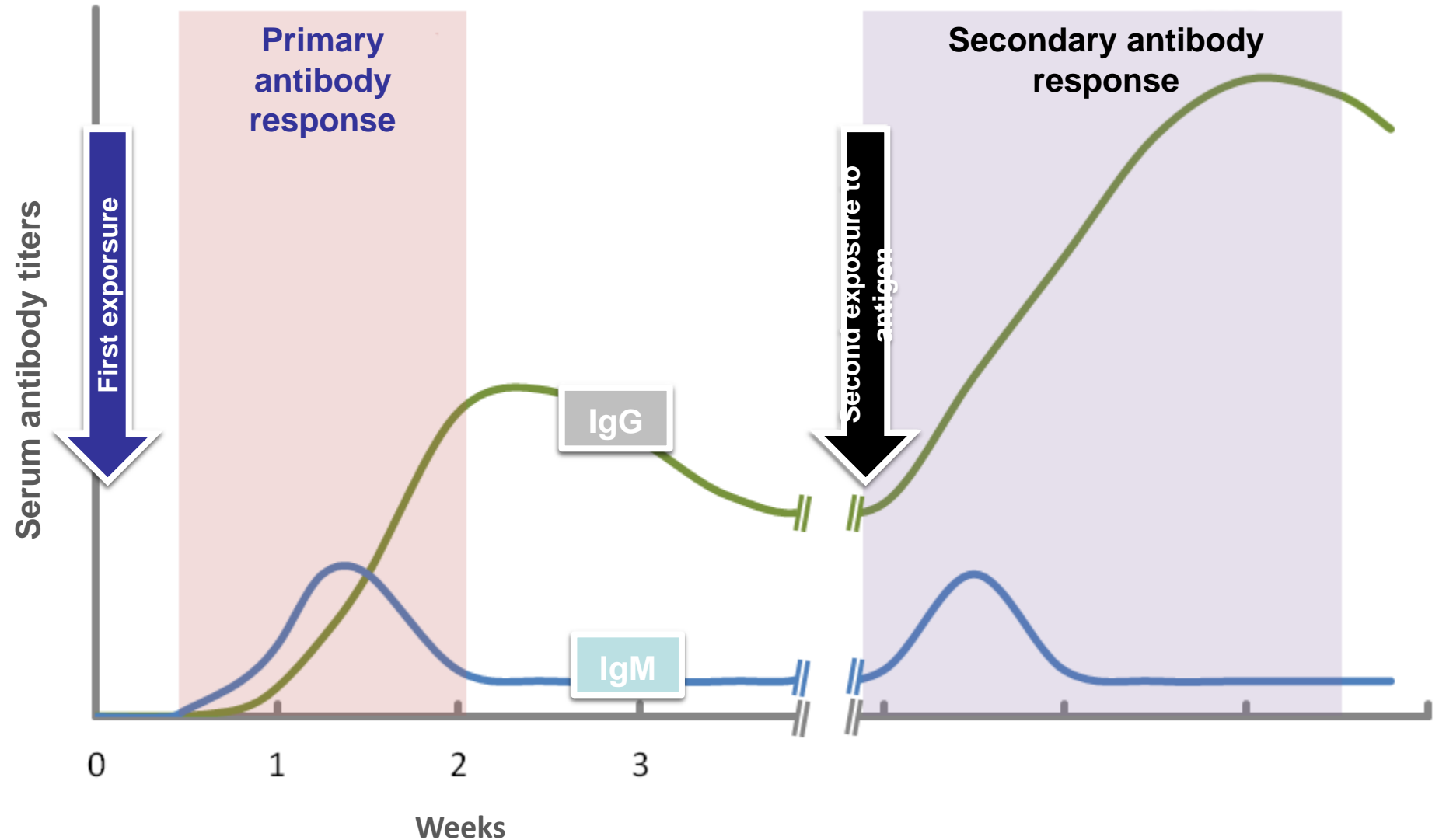
- Induction of immune memory by a harmless antigen.
- In the case of infection by a pathogen prompt secondary immune response protects the immunized person from the disease.
- Has protective, but no therapeutic effect.

Edward Jenner

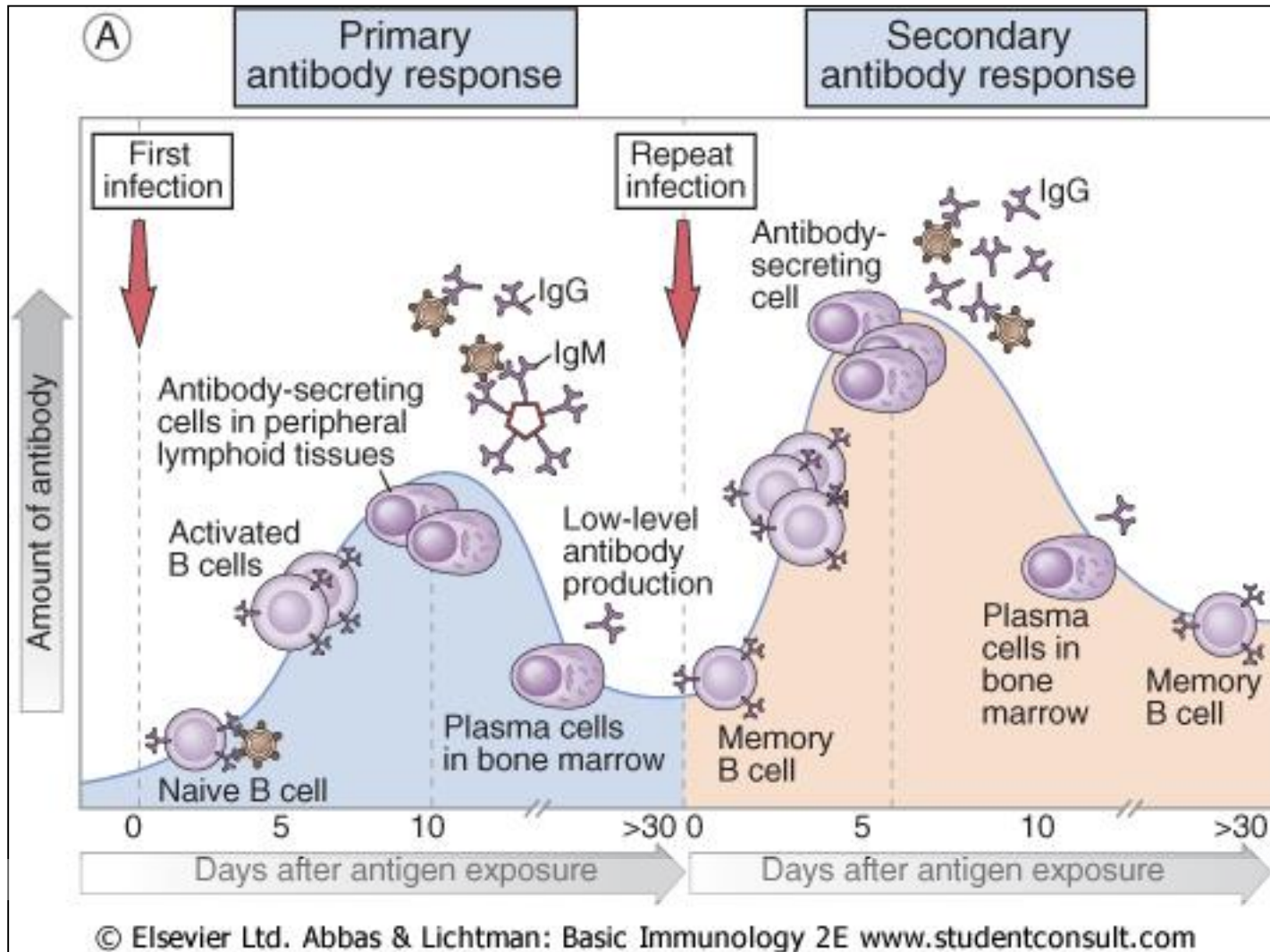


Discovery of small pox vaccine

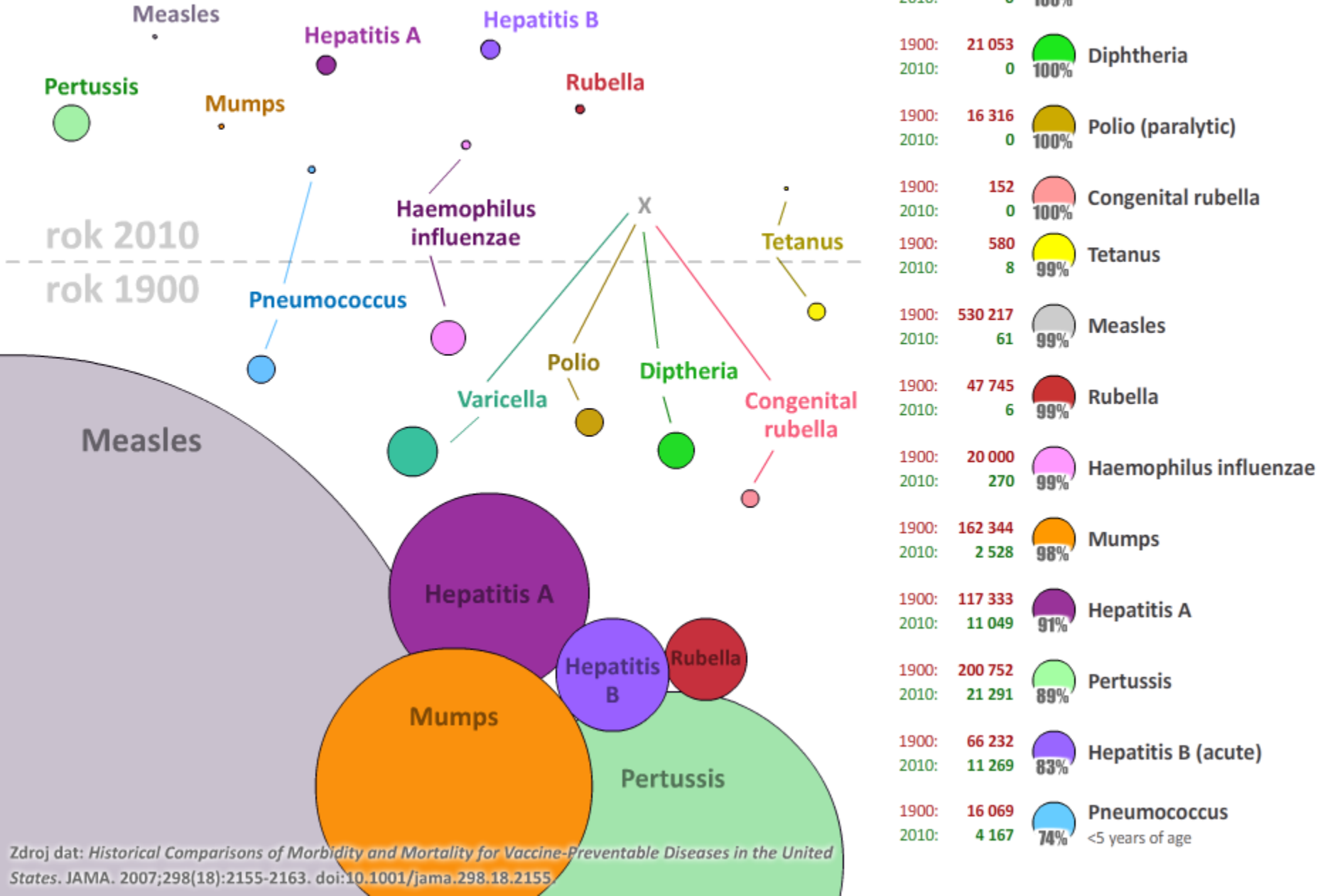
Primary and secondary immune response



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The effect of vaccination on infectious diseases occurrence in USA



Zdroj dat: *Historical Comparisons of Morbidity and Mortality for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the United States*. JAMA. 2007;298(18):2155-2163. doi:10.1001/jama.298.18.2155

„Classical“ vaccines

- **Atenuated microbes:** mumps, measles rubella (MMR vaccine), rotavirus varicella, BCG (against TBC), cholera, yellow fever, poliomyelitis,
- **Inactivated microorganisms:** rabies, hepatitis A, tick-born encephalitis, poliomyelitis, cholera, plague. Formerly pertussis.
- **Toxoids:** tetanus, diphtheria

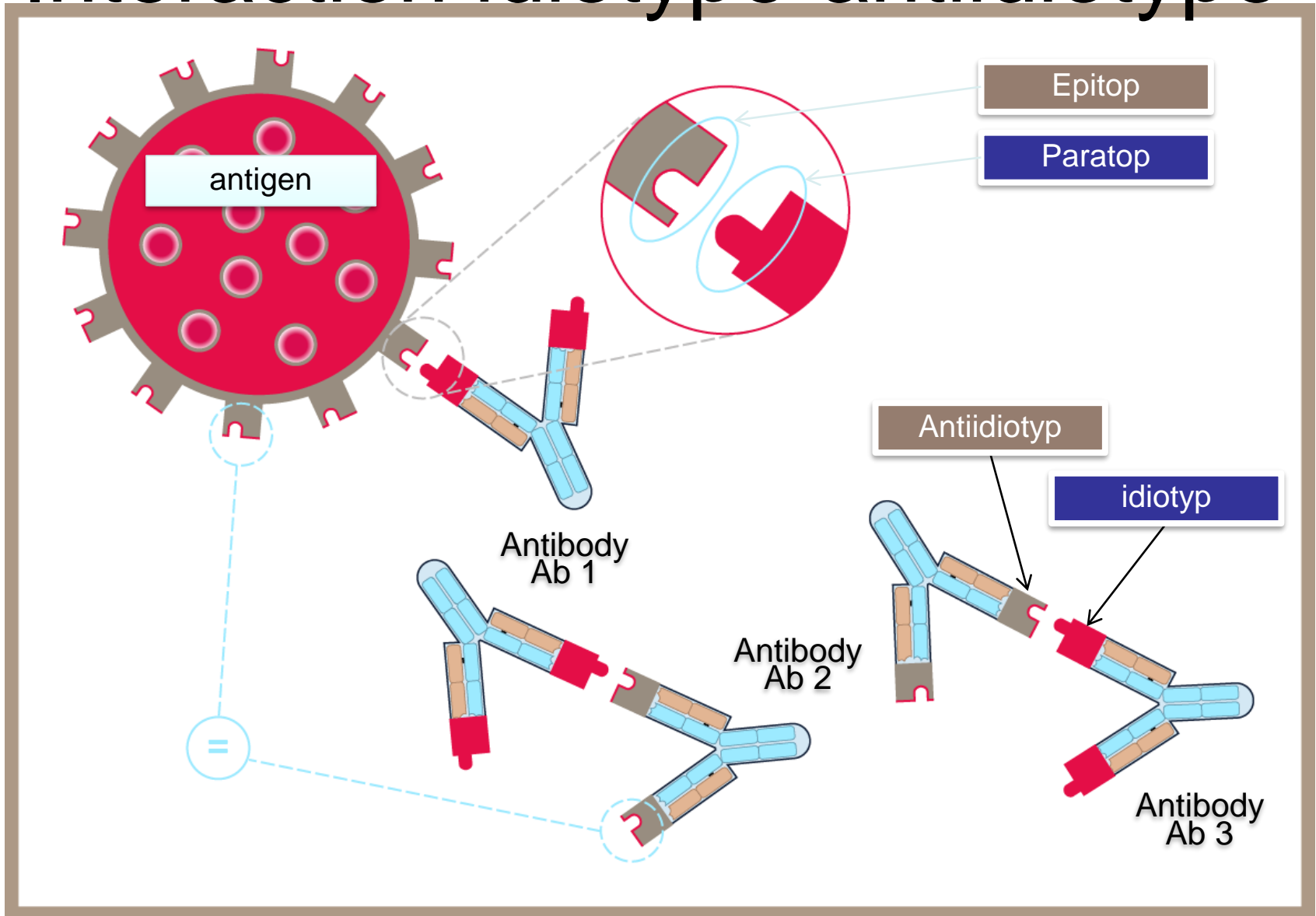
„Modern“ vaccines

- **Subunit:** influenza, pertussis
- **Polysaccharide:** Haemophilus influenzae B (conjugated), Meningococcus (conjugated group B, nonconjugated the remaining serotypes), Pneumococcus (conjugated)
- **Recombinant:** hepatitis B
- **Virus-like particles** : papillomavirus

„Future (?)“ vaccines

- Synthetic polypeptides
- Antiidiotype antibodies
- DNA vaccines
- Vector vaccines
- Antigens inserted into food
(bananas, potatoes)

Interaction idiotype-antiidiotype



Other (possible) uses of vaccination approach

- Anti-tumour vaccination – both preventive to therapeutic approaches are used
- Prevention and treatment of Alzheimer disease – anti β -amyloid or τ -protein
- Contraception – most frequently anti-HCG
- Treatment of high blood pressure – enzymes of angiotensin-renin-aldosterone system
- Vaccination against autoimmune diseases – e.g. against autoimmune TCR.
- Vaccination against drugs (cocaine)